

IN-HOME SERVICES

Disrupting children's lives and attachments is emotionally traumatizing. Child and Family Services believes that children should remain with their families whenever it is possible and safe. In-Home Services are most appropriate when any of the following conditions exist:

- A child has experienced abuse or neglect but can remain safely in the home
- A child is returned home from out-of-home care
- An adoptive placement may disrupt or dissolve and intensive services are needed to maintain the family in the adoptive home

Types of In-Home Services

Child and Family Services provides the following three types of In-Home Services to children at risk of abuse, neglect, or dependency, and to their family members who may be helped in providing permanent, safe homes for them:

- Voluntary services (Protective Services Counseling)
- Court-ordered services (Protective Services Supervision)
- Intensive services (Protective Family Preservation). These intensive services are provided to children who are at immediate risk of an out-of-home placement

In-Home Services use the least intrusive, solution-focused interventions to promote the safety and well-being of families. Services can include teaching parenting skills, developing child safety plans, teaching conflict resolution and problem solving skills, and linking the family to broad-based community resources. The expected outcomes of home-based services for families are:

- Ensure and enhance safety within the home
- Preserve the family unit within the home
- Strengthen family support systems
- Advocate for children and families
- Identify and build upon families' existing strengths



QUICK FACTS

- Court-ordered supervision accounted for 57% of In-Home services as of the last day of the fiscal year.
- The average length of services for court-ordered supervision is 8 months.
- Upon closure of court-ordered In-Home services:
 - * 58% of families are stabilized;
 - * 8% of cases resulted in the child being adopted or placed with a relative; and,
 - * 34% of children emancipate, need more intensive services, are referred elsewhere, etc.